



# Legislative Report

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**T**HE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY will soon return to Springfield to convene the 2018 spring legislative session. After the historically turbulent year that we had in 2017, many are hoping for smoother sailing this year. However, some statehouse insiders are predicting that 2018 could continue to be just as unpredictable. The upcoming elections will loom large under the dome and the political jockeying taking place back in legislative districts will seep into the capitol building as legislators try and score political points before the big dance. There are also questions about if the State will be able to pass a budget or if the rancor between the Governor and the Speaker will prove to be a stumbling block.

TOI will have a heavy agenda as we expect a number of proposals that were defeated last year to be resurrected in 2018. As always we will review each piece of

legislation as they are introduced and work with our legislative allies and all of you to protect Townships and the people they serve.

Here are a few important dates for the 2018 Spring Session:

January 23: House Convenes.

January 30: Senate Convenes.

January 31: Governor's State of the State.

February 14: Governor's Budget Address.

February 16: Introduction of bills in the House and Senate, respectively.

March 20: Primary Election Day.

April 13: Deadline for bills in committee of chamber of origin.

**April 25: Township Officials of Illinois Topics Day in Springfield**

April 27: Deadline for passage of bills from chamber of origin.

May 11: Deadline for House bills out of Senate committee.

May 18: Deadline for Senate bills out of House committee.

May 25: Deadline for passage of bills from opposite chamber.

May 31: Adjournment.

With 2017 in the rearview mirror we can take stock of what a year it turned out to be. Last year was one for the records books and as the General Assembly prepares to return for the 2018 spring session at the end of the month, we can only hope this year doesn't follow up.

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